

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 8, 2005. Claims 1 and 12-16 are presented for examination. Claim 14 has been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 1 and 14 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing Claims 1, 12 and 13.

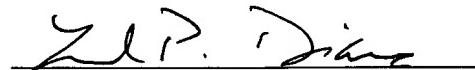
Claims 14-16 were objected to based on the informalities noted in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. Claim 14 has been carefully reviewed and amended as suggested by the Examiner. Specifically, Claim 14 has been amended to replace the phrase "coding step selected" on line 13 with the phrase "coding method selected," and the phrase "second decoding step" on line 16 with the phrase "second decoding method." It is believed that the informalities noted by the Examiner have been corrected, and Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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